

A RESOLUTION

Ratifying as a treaty the Agreement Establishing the Pacific Islands Forum.

1           WHEREAS, in 2005 the Government of the Federated States of  
2 Micronesia signed the Agreement Establishing the Pacific  
3 Islands Forum (the "Agreement"); and

4           WHEREAS, the Agreement establishes the Pacific Islands  
5 Forum of which the Federated States of Micronesia is a regular  
6 member; and

7           WHEREAS, the purpose of the Pacific Islands Forum is to  
8 strengthen regional cooperation and integration, including  
9 through the pooling of regional resources of governance and the  
10 alignment of policies, in order to further Forum members'  
11 shared goals of economic growth, sustainable development, good  
12 governance and security; and

13           WHEREAS, the members of the Pacific Islands Forum are  
14 Australia, the Cook Islands, the Republic of Fiji, the Republic  
15 of Nauru, New Zealand, Samoa, Tonga, the Federated States of  
16 Micronesia, Kiribati, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the  
17 Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Solomon Islands, Tuvalu,  
18 and Vanuatu; and

19           WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia is among the  
20 Pacific Islands Forum members that have not ratified the

1 Agreement; and

2 WHEREAS, the Federated States of Micronesia has regularly  
3 benefitted from the assistance and cooperation among the  
4 members of the Forum as well as from the Forum Secretariat; and

5 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Federated  
6 States of Micronesia to continue with its membership and to  
7 maintain a good working relationship with the Forum members by  
8 ratifying the Agreement; now, therefore,

9 BE IT RESOLVED by the Eighteenth Congress of the Federated  
10 States of Micronesia, First Regular Session, 2013, that  
11 Congress hereby ratifies as a treaty the Agreement Establishing  
12 the Pacific Islands Forum; and

13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
14 resolution be transmitted to the President of the Federated  
15 States of Micronesia for appropriate transmittal to the Pacific  
16 Islands Forum.

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18 Date: 5/15/13

Introduced by: /s/ Florencio S. Harper  
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(by request)

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